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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 17695

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, ELAB, TH

SUBJ: THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE

REF: BANGKOK 17676

1. THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE SEEMS TO BE ENTERING NEW PHASE.
LATE IN DAY AUGUST 22 RTG RESUMED PAYMENTS TO STRIKING GUARDS.
THREE TO FIVE HUNDRED POLICE WERE ON HAND AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
TO PREVENT DISORDER. PAYMENTS ARE CONTINUING TODAY. WE
UNDERSTAND SMALL GROUP OF HARD-CORE TSG ARE REFUSING ACCEPT
PAYMENT.

2. AUGUST 23 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THESE EVENTS AND ADDS THAT,
ACCORDING TO STRIKE LEADERS, ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS DOES NOT
RPT NOT MEAN END OF STRIKE SINCE GUARDS HAVE FURTHER UNDIS-
CLOSED DEMANDS.

3. COMMENT: APPEARS TO US THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS REPRESENT
LATEST STEP IN RTG'S CAMPAIGN TO DIVERT HEAT FROM ITSELF TO
US. SEEMS LIKELY THAT RTG, AFTER PAYING OFF GUARDS ON BASIS OF
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EARLIER OFFER, WILL SIMPLY ADVISE GUARDS TO ADDRESS ANY FURTHER

DEMANDS TO EMBASSY. WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF GUARDS
MIGRATE FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND SET UP CAMP OUTSIDE EMBASSY
GATES, WHICH WAS SCENE OF THEIR FIRST BANGKOK CAMP-OUT MANY
WEEKS AGO. ON BASIS OF RUMOR LAST NIGHT THAT GUARDS WERE PRE-
PARING MOVE AGAINST EMBASSY, WE HAVE ALREADY ADVISED MFA IN-
FORMALLY THAT WE EXPECT FULL POLICE PROTECTION.
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